

American Legion Auxiliary  
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES  
Programs Action Plan  
2021 – 2022

In 1934, changes were made to the American Legion Auxiliary Constitution to take out Section 2, Article III, which is the article of eligibility.

Section 2 - There shall be two classes of membership, Seniors and Juniors.

- A. Senior membership shall be the active group composed of members over the age of 18.
- B. Junior membership shall consist of the group under age 18, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of 18 years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted into active membership with full privileges.
- C. Dues of both classes shall be paid annually.

In the 1936-1937 year, under National President Scar W. Hahn, the Junior program was launched. Junior membership grew from 29,000 to 40,000 during the following year, due to the splendid work the Juniors were doing.

**Purpose:**

Our Junior Activities Program inspires active participation in our members aged 17 and under so they will become engaged, productive members who will want to continue expanding their knowledge of our programs and to help our Veterans. To have hands on experiences of the volunteer opportunities given to them in our organization.

This year I want to challenge our Junior members to participate in meetings, Flag Retirement Ceremonies, and programs such as Americanism, Children & Youth, Public Relations, Community Service, Education, Poppy, and the VA&R programs. Through technology our Junior members have more opportunities now than ever before to be involved and participate in Auxiliary events and online meetings.

We need to involve the Junior members in writing and reading reports at our meetings. Ask your Junior members which programs they are interested in, and arrange for them to spend time with the chairman of those programs. Ask them questions about what they learned and what they would improve or change with the program they learned about. We need to educate them about the importance of the reports and programs to our Veterans and why.

**Reports:**

**Unit Year End Reports** are due to the District Chairman by April 15, 2022

**District Year End Reports** are due to the Department Chairman by April 27, 2022

**Awards:**

**Department:**

**Judy Butler Monetary Award** for the best all-around program of Junior Activities

**National:**

**Please include the Awards Cover sheet included in this Programs Action Plan**

**A. Member Award: Junior Member of the Year**

Deadline June 1, 2022

Unit Chairman must send to National Headquarters to the Junior Activities Program Coordinator/Committee Liaison via email

**B. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program (per division)**

Deadline June 1, 2022

Send to National Division Chairman postmarked or emailed by 5pm EST by the deadline listed above.

**C. Department Award: Most Outstanding Department Junior Activities Program (per division)**

Deadline June 1, 2022

Send to National Division Chairman postmarked or emailed by 5pm EST by the deadline listed above.

**D. National Award: Best Media Coverage of activity or project**

Deadline June 1, 2022

Send to National Division Chairman postmarked or emailed by 5pm EST by the deadline listed above.

**HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR OFFICERS  
2021 – 2022**

<b>President</b>	<b>Arianna Brindle</b>	<b>Unit 24</b>	<b>District 9</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Evelyn Hinshaw</b>	<b>Unit 500</b>	<b>District 11</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Grace Otey</b>	<b>Unit 500</b>	<b>District 11</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Maggie Hinshaw</b>	<b>Unit 500</b>	<b>District 11</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Trinity Bradley</b>	<b>Unit 402</b>	<b>District 5</b>
<b>Sgt-At-Arms</b>	<b>Khyrie Zeman</b>	<b>Unit 83</b>	<b>District 3</b>
<b>Sgt-At-Arms</b>	<b>Chelsey Ridens</b>	<b>Unit 6</b>	<b>Disrtict 5</b>

**DEPARTMENT JUNIOR MEETINGS**

<b>Saturday, October 30, 2021</b>	<b>Department Headquarters</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday, March 5, 2022</b>	<b>Lafayette Unit 492/IVH</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday, June 11, 2022</b>	<b>Columbus Unit 24</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>



## Remember Our Service to Veterans Every Day



The ALA Junior Activities inspires active participation in American Legion Auxiliary members aged 17 and under so that they will become engaged, productive members who want to continue their ALA membership into adulthood. Enrollment in the Auxiliary of many daughters of American Legion members prompted the formation of Junior groups within many units.

Junior members do not form a separate organization but are members of the American Legion Auxiliary, grouped separately so they may be given a program within the scope of their years and understanding. Junior membership is the training ground for active Auxiliary membership. When properly implemented, Junior activities instill in Junior members the ideals of the Auxiliary and present opportunities to teach the ALA's founding principles of justice, freedom, loyalty, and democracy.

Junior groups function under the guidance of an advisor and committee from the Senior ALA members. Organized as a committee of the unit, Juniors conduct their own meetings and carry out their own activities. The Junior officers shall be known as "honorary" Junior officers. Their work should be coordinated with the work of the Senior group, and they should have a roll in regular unit activities whenever possible so they will feel they are truly apart of the Auxiliary.

Americanism should be a major focus for Junior and presented in such a manor that they are taught patriotism, citizenship, and loyalty to American ideals and principles. Most Auxiliary activities can be adapted to allow Juniors some level of participation in all phases of the years program. The Juniors should be kept active and interested.

Success of the Junior group is largely dependent on leadership provided by the unit. The unit Junior advisor should be a person capable of managing and teaching children of all ages and possessing the ability to keep interest alive while directing activities designed to carry out the purposes of the organization.

### **Resources:**

Department: [www.aladepin.org/juniors.html](http://www.aladepin.org/juniors.html)

National: [www.facebook.com/alajuniors](http://www.facebook.com/alajuniors)

**Youth Hero and Good Deed Award:**

I have included a Youth Hero and Good Deed Award nomination form in this packet.

**Junior Activities Patch Program:**

American Legion Auxiliary Junior Members and Sons of the American Legion youth members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Each sheet explains the criteria and what must be accomplished to earn a specific patch.

**There are 3 levels of Patch criteria:**

Red/Level 1: Kindergarten thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Gold/Level 2: 4th grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Blue/Level 3: 9<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or 18 years old)

**Please send completed forms to me, your Department Junior Activities Chairman**

Additional Patch sheets are available at [www.ALForVeterans.org](http://www.ALForVeterans.org). For questions, please contact the National Junior Activities committee at [Juniorsactivities@ALForVeterans.org](mailto:Juniorsactivities@ALForVeterans.org) or call (317) 569-4500

**Department Chairman**

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

### STANDING RULES FOR THE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONFERENCE

1. The following Honorary Department Junior Officers shall be elected by the delegates at the Department Junior Auxiliary Conference:
  - i. President
  - ii. Vice President
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Chaplain
  - v. Historian
  - vi. Two (2) Sergeant-At-Arms
2. Any Junior member in good standing who will not be eighteen (18) years of age before the end of her term is eligible to run for any Department Junior office.
3. Juniors wishing to run for an elected office must submit a letter of endorsement to the Department Junior Activities Chairman two weeks prior to the Department Junior Conference. The letter should be signed by the Honorary Unit Junior President and the Honorary Unit Junior Secretary. If the Unit does not have a Junior Unit that elects officers, the letter may be signed by the Unit Junior Activities Chairman and the Unit President.
4. There shall be a maximum of two (2) candidates for Department Junior Office from each Unit. There shall be a maximum of two (2) Elected Junior Officers from each District.
5. Candidates may campaign for office before the meeting and during a called recess.
6. No Junior shall hold the same Department Office for two (2) consecutive years.
7. Nominations for both endorsed candidates and for offices with no candidates shall be made from the floor during Roll Call of Districts.
8. If there is an endorsed candidate from a District for an office, a representative from that district will ask the Chair to recognize the candidate as a candidate for that office. At that time, the letter of endorsement shall be read.
9. After the letter of endorsement is read, the candidate will have two (2) minutes to speak to the delegation.
10. Only if there are no endorsed candidates for an office will nominations be accepted from the floor. No candidate may be nominated from the floor for an office that has at least one endorsed candidate.
11. Each District shall be entitled to five (5) voting delegates. Any Department officer shall be counted as one of the five (5) delegates.
12. Voting delegates must be at least six (6) years of age and cannot have attained the age of eighteen (18).
13. Voting shall be by ballot except when there is only one candidate for an office. A candidate running unopposed shall be declared elected by the chair.
14. The Honorary Department Junior President shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of three (3) Junior members to serve as: one (1) election judge and two (2) clerks. They will perform their duties under the supervision of an appointed Senior member. The judge and

clerks should not come from a District that has a candidate running for office unless that candidate is running unopposed. The judge announces the results of the election, the clerks count the ballots.

15. A majority of votes cast shall elect.
16. The election judge shall read which candidate received the majority of the vote. She shall not read the number of votes each candidate received.
17. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates will speak to the delegation again and the vote will be taken again.
18. The Honorary Department Junior President shall declare as elected the candidate who receives the majority of votes cast.
19. Officers will be installed by the Department President Elect or her appointed delegate at the end of the Conference.
20. The retiring Honorary Department Junior President shall serve as the delegate to the National Junior Meeting and the newly elected Honorary Department Junior President shall serve as the alternate delegate to the National Junior Meeting. The delegate shall attend with an adult as chaperone and obtain the permission of her parents. The delegate shall have her Junior dues paid for that year.
21. The delegate to the National Junior Meeting must attend the Department Fall Conference and give a detailed report of the National Junior Meeting.
22. Appropriate conduct and dress should be observed by all candidates and officers before, during and after the Department Junior Conference.



# American Legion Auxiliary

## Youth Hero and Good Deed Award Nomination Form

**NAME OF YOUTH** \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Age \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of deed \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

Description of bravery and/or deed performed by youth (to be completed by unit)

- **Good Deed Award** – Youth should demonstrate leadership role in community service, specific deed should be present
- **Youth Hero Award** - Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor

Attach extra pages as need. Please attach news clippings or include website to verify the deed being recognized.

### UNIT CERTIFICATION (MUST BE CERTIFIED BY TWO UNIT MEMBERS)

Unit Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Units should send completed applications to their department secretary.***

### DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CERTIFICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department secretary mail nomination to ALA National Headquarters, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, or email to [Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org). Awards will be shipped at no cost.

Please ship to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use this form for all Youth Hero and Good Deed Award nominations. For more information, contact National Headquarters at [Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:Children&Youth@ALAforVeterans.org) or (317) 569-4500.*

<b>NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Hero Award <input type="checkbox"/> Good Deed Award	
Date received _____	Date shipped _____







**American Legion Auxiliary  
National Junior Activities Report and Award Cover Sheet**

Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry if this cover sheet is attached.  
**Complete the following if you are applying for a member award.**

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Full official unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of state where you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Member (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

National committee sponsoring award: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section.**  
Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Full official unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of department: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit president/chairman (**circle one**) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:**

Name of department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of department chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please see instructions on previous page about where to send this form.**

